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Civil Enforcement Case

Basic Information

Case Number: 10-2017-0111
Case Name: Stepping Stone Builders, Inc.
Case Category: Administrative - Formal
Case Status (as of 01/30/2018): Closed
Case Lead: EPA
Court Docket Number: --
DOJ Docket Number: --

Relief Sought: Penalty
Enforcement Outcome: Final Order With Penalty
Headquarters Division: --
Branch: --
Result of Voluntary Disclosure? No
Multi-media Case? --
Enforcement Type: SDWA 1423C2 AO For Penalty-Oil/Gas (UIC)
Violations: No Approved Plugging & Abandonment Plan, Unauthorized Injection

Penalties – Case Level

Total Federal Penalty Assessed or Agreed To: \$36,500
Total State/Local Penalty Assessed: \$0
Total SEP Cost: \$0
Total Compliance Action Cost: \$5,000
Total Cost Recovery: \$0

Case Summary

On July 5, 2017, Region 10 filed a consent agreement and final order resolving alleged violations of the Safe Drinking Water Act by Stepping Stone Builders, Inc., located in Fairbanks, Alaska. Stepping Stone Builders, which leases building space for three motor vehicle service businesses, is alleged to be in violation of the regulation protecting underground (groundwater) sources of drinking water from injection wells. Injection well activity can allow movement of fluid containing contaminants (such as wastewater from vehicle servicing) into underground sources of drinking water. Motor Vehicle Waste Disposal Wells (MVWDW) were banned in Alaska in August, 2005. Stepping Stone Builders was aware of the ban and constructed a MVWDW following the ban. The facility is under a compliance schedule to close the well by August 31, 2017. If contamination is found, closure requires removal of all contaminated liquids, sludge and soil in and around the injection well. The company agreed to pay a penalty of \$36,500, which recovers the economic benefit the company received by operating a MVWDW.

Laws and Sections

Law	Sections	Programs
SDWA	1422/1423	UIC Regulations Classes I - V

Citations

Title	Part	Section
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Facilities

FRS Number	Facility Name	Address	City Name	State	Zip	SIC Codes	NAIC Codes
110069550989	ROYAL INDUSTRIAL PARK #1 - #6	3490 KOBAYASHI WAY	FAIRBANKS	AK	99701	--	811111

Defendants

Defendants and Settlements	In Complaint	In Settlement
Richard Watson	Y	Y

Case Milestones

Event	Actual Date
Enforcement Action Data Entered	04/27/2017
Complaint Filed/Proposed Order	07/05/2017
Final Order Issued	07/05/2017
Enforcement Action Closed	01/30/2018

Related Case Documents

Document	Facility Name	Publish Date	EPA Program
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Pollutants

Pollutant Name	Chemical Abstract Number
No data records returned	

Related Activities

Description	Actual Date
Inspection/Evaluation	09/15/2016

Final Order 1

Final Order Type: Administrative Penalty Order With or Without Injunctive Relief

Final Order Name: Stepping Stone Builders, Inc.
Linked Facilities (FRS ID): 110069550989
Final Order Lodged Date: --
Final Order Entered Date: 07/05/2017
Enforcement Action Closed Date: 01/30/2018
Actual Termination Date: --

Penalties/SEPs/Cost Recovery Amounts

Federal Penalty Assessed or Agreed To: \$36,500
State/Local Penalty Assessed: --
SEP Value: --
Compliance Action Cost: \$5,000
Federal Cost Recovery Awarded: \$0

Complying Actions

Complying Action ID	Category	Description
3600025999	Reduction of Ongoing Releases	UIC Plug & Abandon (w/ leaks)
3600026000	Work Practices	Cease Activity
3600026001	Work Practices	Planning
3600026002	Work Practices	Reporting
3600026003	Work Practices	Testing/Sampling

Supplemental Environmental Projects

SEP ID	Category	SEP Value	Description
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Estimated Pollutant Reductions

Resulting From	Pollutant	Estimated Annual Amount	Units	Media Affected
CA ID 3600025999	Wastewater	20	yd3	Water (underground source)

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